

## God is at Work

God is Good and is at work here at First Southern Baptist Church. This month we had John & Julie come forward to join our church.

Praise God as we welcome John & Julie to our church.

## Gathering the Pumpkins

by Deane Church

On Saturday, October 30th we had a Gathering the Pumpkins party here at the church. After wandering through the patch to pick a pumpkin, those attending the "Gathering of the Pumpkins" were admitted to the evenings activities.

There were fun games, an abundance of great food, and good fellowship. A great time was had by all.

Our thanks to those who planned such a pleasant gathering.

## WorldCraft Party News

by Diane Varady

"Women on Mission" held their first WorldCraft Party at Bea Dal Fero's home Saturday, Nov. 13. Eleven ladies brought a bounty of wonderful foods for the brunch. Our attempt to watch a WorldCraft video failed – some of us were not technical enough for Pete's TV system. We did pray for our missionaries who had birthdays plus Tim and Tessa Fortescue.

Then the fun part of shopping using the Christmas WorldCraft catalog began. We were excited that our purchases would not only benefit women working to get out of human trafficking but also provide shelter for women and children. What a blessing to be a part of this ministry. We cut out doing a craft as time was short.

## Mike & Darla Cornell Concert

by Jane Thornell

We enjoyed a concert from Mike, Darla and Patty on November 7. Our crowd was small, but enthusiastic, and all were blessed by their music. They sang some "toe-tappers" and some beautiful selections with a powerful message. It was an uplifting evening of praise and worship.

The Cornells travel extensively in the United States and around the world, with a goal of seeing souls saved, planting seeds for harvest, and uplifting Christians. They have appeared in churches, auditoriums and have been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to be in concert with some of the best in Southern Gospel Music. Pray for their ministry, as they spread the love of God through song.

## Sunday Morning Sermon Series

Come join us at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Chris continues speaking on "Supremacy of Christ"

~ December 5 ~

The Supreme Reconciliation - Colossians 1:19-23

~December 12 ~

The Supreme Ministry - Colossians 1:24-29

~ December 19 ~

Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard  
Visitors From The East - Matthew 2:1-6

~ December 26 ~

Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard  
The Light of God's Face - Psalm 4

## Sunday Evening Sermon Series

You are invited to join us at 6:00 p.m. as we continue the video journey of Solomon.

~ December 5 ~ Part Four

~ December 12 ~ Part Five

~ December 19 ~

Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard  
Must Christians Attend Church

~ December 26 ~

Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard  
What Is The Biblical Definition of Faith

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

Todd Shaw - Son of Bob & Caryl Shaw  
Branch - Army Rank - Staff Sergeant  
Assignment - Stationed in Kentucky

Devon Henesley - Grandson of Jean Johnson  
Branch - Navy Rank - Petty Officer 3rd class  
Assignment - Overseas



## A Gravestone for Kim

My son, Simon, was born to be an artist. I remember trying to dress him for first grade. He told me, "Daddy, this shirt and pants don't match". That was news to me. His older brother never seemed to mind how I dressed him. And so Simon went on to be an artist; with an art degree from San Francisco State and a master of fine art from Parsons in New York City. Nowadays Simon favors large scale art, especially art that can be viewed in public places. This brings us to his latest project: creating his mother's gravestone.

It may seem like an odd thing to say, but tombstones and gravestones are certainly public art. They are artfully crafted, engraved with carefully selected words, and on view for all to see. In this project, Simon collaborated with his father to create something really special. You can see the plan below, a combining of the traditional with the original.



The face of the stone is 40 inches by 12 inches. Kim Foreman is on the left with the right side reserved for Chris Foreman whenever his Maker chooses to call him home. In the center you see an oval wedding picture made of ceramic. In the left corner is a more recent oval picture of Kim. In the center left is "Kim" followed by her name in Korean: "Kim Hyun Deok". The name "Foreman" crosses the vertical face of the stone uniting the two of us. [You can't see it]. On the larger base stone which you can't see are the words of scripture: "I have glorified God on the earth. I have finished the work that He has given me to do. -- John 17:4". This is the traditional part of the gravestone.

Now it gets interesting. Above the center oval is a shining sun – the start point. At the bottom of the oval is the Christian cross – the end point. Connecting the start point with the end point and running along the margin are 48 glyphs [or engraved symbols]. These glyphs provide a narrative of Kim's life. The first glyph is the Korean flag signifying her country of birth. The last glyph is an overturned car signifying the manner of her death. In between are symbols of family, travel, hardship, faith, and achievement. What makes the gravestone particularly interesting is this: Kim's website is engraved-- www.kimforeman.com. If you –or any passerby– is curious, you can learn more about this remarkable woman from the internet. I think the techno-Kim would love it! Of course our challenge is to keep the website available for generations to come. Baby Lorenzo [glyph 45] will have to speak with his grandchildren. The gravestone should be in place at Holy Sepulcher cemetery in Hayward by the first of next year. Of course you are all invited to view it and remember the lovely Kim. And if you have any questions, check the internet.



Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship  
5:00 p.m.

# December Calendar

- 1st - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 1st-5th - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 4th - Church Christmas Party - 4:00 p.m.
- 5th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- 6th - Christmas Caroling - 6:00 p.m.
- 8th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 12th - Christmas Cantata - 6:00 p.m.
- 13th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 15th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 18th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
  - Women's Cookie Exchange - 10:00 a.m.
- 19th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 22nd - No Wednesday Activities
- 22nd-31st - Office Closed
- 23rd - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 25th - Christmas Day
- 27th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 29th - No Wednesday Activities



- 3rd - Clarence Silva
- 3rd - Amelia Taylor
- 6th - Dean Marshall
- 18th - Roberta King
- 19th - Holly Hickman
- 24th - Holly Brewer
- 24th - Chris Foreman
- 24th - Mabrie Huff
- 25th - Cathy Garaventa
- 26th - Jervance Moses
- 27th - Jean Johnson
- 30th - James Blazin
- 30th - Lisa Villafuerte



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## Three December Christmas Events at First Southern

### Church Christmas Party

Saturday, December 4th  
4:00 p.m.

Get out the winter boots, parkas, and scarves for the "Let It Snow, Let It Snow" party. You are being asked to bring a "white elephant gift," a "snowflake" and your favorite winter dish—you know, those wonderful winter comfort food. There will be prizes in various categories for the snowflakes. The categories are: most creative, the best looking most like, the funniest and the cutest. Let's build a snowman together! This is a good time to bring your family and friends. See you there.

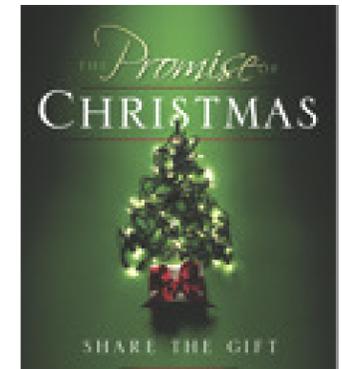
### Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 6th  
6:00 p.m.

We will be going Christmas Caroling and you are invited to come along. We will meet at the church and travel as a group. Typically we visit about a dozen homes and sing a few songs in front of each house. It's a great way to spread cheer during this Christmas season. Afterwards, we warm up by sharing cookies, hot pastries, and beverages.

### You're Invited to Our Christmas Cantata

### "Promise of Christmas"



Sunday, December 12th  
6:00 p.m.

Come and bring your friends and family to this musical Celebration of Jesus Christ. The songs primarily focus on communicate the promise, celebration, joy, wonder, warmth, love, and all the unique elements that make this season so special. Following the cantata join in our candlelight procession to commemorate this light that came into this world. Refreshments will follow.



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